

LOCAL NEWS.

THE STEAMBOATS.—In reference to an article in relation to the Steamboats on the Potomac, the proprietors of the Steamboat Express, in Baltimore, write us, as follows:

"On the last trip of the steamer Express from Alexandria we found ice in considerable quantities at all the inner landings on the river, and on the return trip from here we had notice given at all the landings that we would make but one more trip, as the risk from ice was too great to justify running longer. At the same time we were making arrangements for a boat to keep up connections between the two cities, which boat will leave here for Alexandria next Wednesday evening. In regard to not stopping for signals, if that practice was carried out, a boat would not make the trip in two weeks, as no one living on the river would take the trouble to go to a landing, when by coming to their own shore and making signals they would be taken off. This practice accommodates the few to the detriment of the many, as every time the boat stops to answer a signal it detains all the passengers on the boat to accommodate the one or two coming off. Our object has been, and will continue to be to concentrate the trade and travel at certain most convenient points, making those points regularly, and arriving at our points of destination at a reasonable time, and not to inconvenience or delay the passengers more than possible. That is the way the business is done every where else, and we see no reason why it cannot be done here, and that with more certainty and dispatch. With the same justice and propriety could persons living along the line of a railroad require the trains to stop at each man's place to accommodate him; as that our boats should have to stop at every signal made by any parties along shore. We are anxious, for our own sakes, to build up a trade on the river, and will leave nothing undone that prudence will dictate or justify. But to do that we must have certain rules to govern us, and so far, working by those rules, the results have been good, and we expect to resume the route again fully, weather permitting, in about thirty day time."

NEW YEAR'S DAY has come and is almost gone. It has been a gloomy, wintry day, and out of door sports were not indulged in to any extent. Perfect order and quietness have been maintained, and the streets on Saturday and Sunday nights were almost deserted. The Mayor issued a proclamation on Saturday, ordering all the bar rooms to be closed; but, from appearances, even if no such order had been published, it is questionable whether there would have been much drinking, for there seemed to be no disposition that way. Some had assumed to believe that a disturbance would arise between the whites and negroes, but it turned out, the services of troops, under that assumption, were not needed at all.

Some few of the young fashionable people paid the usual annual calls to-day, but there was a palpable want of the free, uncontrolled and joyous hilarity that was wont to exhibit itself on similar occasions, formerly. Another main feature of New Year's Day, in former times, was also absent. Hiring day, with its accompanying excitement, was missed by unserved housekeepers; and the hundreds of negroes who used to congregate at Catt's, to seek for, and to be sought after by, masters for the commencing year, were no where visible. In those days an able bodied man hired for \$120 and a woman for \$75, per year, in addition to their house-room, food, clothing and doctor's bills; and the great question now being solved is whether the absence of hiring day is a benefit, or its reverse, to those most interested.

The publicity given to the fact that the Family Bible of the late Wm. T. Buck, of Fredericksburg, was at an auction store in Baltimore, has led to the recovery of the Bible, through the exertions of a friend. It was taken from Mr. Buck's house in 1862 at the shelling of Fredericksburg, carried to Baltimore and sold at the Public Stores, by public auction, and the Bible and fine family ambrotypes were bought for their owners for five dollars.

It will be seen by an advertisement in to-day's Gazette, that the steamer Diamond State will make a return trip, between this city and Baltimore this week. This will greatly accommodate the river travel. We understand that arrangements are being perfected by the company running the Diamond State, to start immediately a boat which shall confine its trip to the Potomac river, from Washington city to its mouth.

POLICE REPORT.—MAGISTRATES' OFFICE. A negro man charged with stealing was before Justice Moore this morning. He was discharged for want of evidence.

There were no cases worth reporting at the Mayor's Office.

Col. Lamotte, 6th veteran regiment, Hancock's Corps, has been ordered to establish his headquarters at Alexandria, thereby relieving Lieut. Col. Eyre, hitherto in command of that post. One company of the 214th Pennsylvania regiment has also been ordered to Alexandria, for additional guard duty.

The January term of the County Court commenced this morning. Several ordinary and liquor licenses were granted. The Commonwealth's cases were set for to-morrow. Resolutions of respect to the memory of H. W. Davis were adopted, and the Court adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. A. G. Sinclair, the popular and gentlemanly clerk at the Mansion House, has, after an absence, during the holidays, returned to his old position at the desk of the clerk's office of that excellent hotel.

A very heavy fog on the river, yesterday, impeded navigation all the morning. The steamboats between this city and Washington were delayed for several hours in the morning. The mail boat, however, made her usual trip.

The Snow of last Saturday ceased falling on that afternoon. It has been melting ever since, and the streets are now covered with "slush." There was no chance for good sleigh riding.

A contract has been ordered with John W. Creed, of Alexandria, for three times a week mail service, between Alexandria and Dumfries, Va.

Religious services appropriate to the Day have been held at the Catholic and Episcopal Churches. The Watch Night, at the close of the year, was held at the Methodist Churches.

The Knight's Templars of Washington city, in full dress, attended service at Christ Church in this city, at twelve o'clock last night after which they partook of a sumptuous repast.

The Superintendent of Police was to-day engaged with a party of laborers in removing the snow which was obstructing the gutters on King street.

Mr. Andrew Withers, who was shot in the thigh, and severely injured, in Warrenton, on Monday last is, we are happy to state, rapidly recovering.

A squad of soldiers, with stacked muskets, maintained a position on Harper's corner during the entire morning.

Thirty-six deeds were admitted to record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of this county last month.

There were thirty-five marriage licenses granted in this county last month.

The Banks, Banking Houses, and some other public offices were closed to-day, as usual.

MARRIED.

On the 24th ultimo, by Elder John Clark, Mr. WM. E. GRAY and Mrs. MARGARET ANN GROVES, both of Prince William co.

Also, on the 26th, by the same, SHIRLEY JONES, and Miss MARTHA CARNEY, both of Prince William co.

Also, on the 28th, by the same, JOHN L. DAVIS, esq., and Miss SOPHIA ABEL, both of Prince William co.

DIED.

In Georgetown, D. C., on the 29th ultimo, JOHN WILLIAM SMOOT, son of Mrs. Mary B. and the late John W. Smoot, in the 25th year of his age.

On the 30th ultimo, in the 64th year of her age, Mrs. ELIZA DUVALL, late of Prince George co., Maryland.

At the session of the County Court, this morning, the following order was passed:

This Court having heard of the death, in the city of Baltimore, Md., on the 30th day of December, 1865, of Hon. Henry Winter Davis, formerly a member of this bar, at which he commenced his professional career, and desiring to give expression of its regard and esteem for his high personal and professional character, it is ordered to be entered upon the Record, that in the opinion of this Court, in the death of Mr. Davis, the country has lost one of its most able and useful Statesmen, and the bar one of its brightest ornaments.

Ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Virginia State Journal and Alexandria Gazette, at the expense of this County. It

ARTHUR C. KELL,

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER,
No. 5, South Washington St.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Work solicited.
GLAZING and GRAINING promptly executed.
jan 1-tf

NEWSPAPERS, for Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office.
nov 17-8t

The Secretary of State and Assistant Secretary embarked on Saturday night on board the U. S. steamer De Soto, for a short voyage in the warmer latitudes of the South Atlantic. They expect to be absent two or three weeks. The journey was undertaken under the advice of physicians. William Hunter, (chief clerk of the Department of State,) has been appointed Acting Secretary of State during the interval.

A despatch from Augusta, Ga., dated yesterday, states that, after diligent inquiry, no disturbance among the freedmen in that vicinity, during the holidays, has been heard of; but a number of colored troops and some discharged colored soldiers assaulted the house of a widow, about six miles from Augusta, meeting with determined resistance, in which three of them were mortally and two severely wounded. The inmates of the house were rescued before receiving any personal injury.

John W. Sexton, of Loudoun county, was killed at Guilford Station, on Saturday week, in a difficulty with Mr. James McDaniel, who shot him. Mr. Sexton was a blacksmith, who industriously followed his trade before the war, but was disabled by a wound which he received at the battle of Blackburn's Ford, on the 18th of July, 1861, which prevented him from following his former occupation.

A New York despatch says:—Dr. Bradford, the public administrator in this city, is a defaulter to an amount between \$35,000 and \$40,000, which was lost in stock speculations. He has published a letter confessing the default.

A Washington despatch says:—The Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, has declined the invitation of the Congressional Committee to deliver a eulogy upon President Lincoln. (?)

The steamer Constitution, the wreck of which we announced on Saturday, struck on Lockout shoals at 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The captain, with twelve of the crew, and a passenger, saved themselves on cotton bales. All the rest on board, to the number of forty, perished.

The consecration of Rev. George Maxwell Randall, D. D., rector of the Church of the Messiah in Boston, Mass., the newly elected missionary bishop of Colorado and the parts adjacent, took place in Trinity Church, in Summer street, on the 28th inst.

Edward B. Ketchum, the forger, was, on Saturday, sentenced to a confinement of four years and six months in the New York State penitentiary.

NOTICE TO CITY PROPERTY HOLDERS.—All property holders in the city are notified that the city ordinance regarding the condition of the side walks and gutters in front of their premises will be rigidly enforced.

JOSEPH COLTON,
Superintendent of Police.

jan 1-1t

R. A. MATTHEWS,
of Richmond, Va.

L. L. LOVING,
of Nelson, Va.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED

a partnership, under the name and style of

MATTHEWS & LOVING,

and having purchased the stock of Messrs.

Witmer & Washington, will continue the

AUCTION & COMMISSION BUSINESS,

in connection with a

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERY,

at the old stand of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, No. 4, Janney's Wharf, and No. 8, Union street, Alexandria, Va., where they will be glad to see their friends.

Consignments of Country Produce, &c., made to them will receive prompt attention, and every reasonable effort will be given to render general satisfaction.

R. A. MATTHEWS,
L. L. LOVING.

de 30-tf

LOST A BROWN MULE, specked with

grey hairs, marked I. C., with a piece of

rope around the neck, strayed from the premises of

the Bone Factory, about 2 miles north of Alex-

andria, on the night of the 25th inst. A reward

of \$10 will be paid for the return of the same to

the Bone Factory, or to the undersigned.

de 30-3t* WILLIAM MURELL.

\$25 REWARD.—Stolen from Edge Hill,

near Alexandria, on Friday night, 29th

inst., a handsome dark bay or brown HORSE,

about sixteen hands high, full mane, (not very

long), long thin tail, high withers, small white

spot in forehead, white saddle marks, shod yester-

day. The above reward will be paid for the

recovery of the horse.

WM. S. JOHNSTON.

dec 30-3t*

TWO PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES.—

One Single Cylinder, TWELVE HORSE

POWER, Saws and Belting Complete, never

used. One second-hand, Double Cylinder,

FIFTEEN HORSE POWER, in good order,

and but little used. For sale by

HOOE & WEBBERBURN,

Foot of Prince street.

dec 30-6t

175 NEW AND BEAUTIFUL CLOTH

CLOAKS.

600 Pieces Poplins, Reys, Merinoes, Alpaca,

and other

LADIES' DRESS GOODS.

70 Pieces Black and Colored

CLOAKING CLOTHS.

700 Ladies' and Misses'

HOOP SKIRTS.

50 dozen White, Black, and Colored

JOUVINS' KID GLOVES.

200 dozen Ladies', Gents', and Misses'

COTTON AND WOOLEN HOSIERY.

Just received and for sale low by

M. TAYLOR & CO.,

No. 42, Centre Market Space,

Washington.

dec 6-ly

FOR SALE.—A most desirable HOUSE

and LOT, on Prince near Union street. Ap-

ply to

D. L. SMOOT,

Office Market Building,

re 30-tf

Hotels and Restaurants.

SUMMER GARDEN.
No. 182, KING STREET.
(Near Washington.)
MELLEN & CO., PROPRIETORS.
FRIED OYSTERS.
STEAMED OYSTERS.
ROASTED OYSTERS.
FANCY ROAST.
STEAMED OYSTERS.

Kept hot, and furnished to private families in any part of the city.

Poultry, Game and Meats of all kinds, kept constantly on hand, and served up at the shortest notice.

The bar is stocked with the choicest brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars. no 30-tf

GREEN'S MANSION HOUSE.

SANDERS & MADDOX,
Proprietors.

Cor. Fairfax and Cameron sts.

sep 21-tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MALTBY HOUSE.

A. B. MILLER, Proprietor.

PRATT STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

This house having been lately thoroughly

RE-FITTED AND RE-FURNISHED,

renders its accommodations second to none in the city. aug 14-ly

MANSION HOUSE RESTAURANT.

No. 15, North Fairfax street.

R. T. LUCAS, PROPRIETOR.

Ladies and gentlemen will meet with every accommodation pertaining to such an establish-

ment.

A choice variety of MEATS, with POULTRY, OYSTERS, &c., including every delicacy the

markets afford, will be prepared by professional cooks, and served by polite and attentive

waiters, and at reasonable prices.

ICE CREAMS and PASTRIES will be of superior quality.

The wine vaults will be stocked with a select assortment of WINES, ALES, &c.

The Restaurant and Saloon will be open at all hours. Particular attention will be given to orders from families and parties wishing dinner or supper. aug 30-tf

MAGNOLIA HOUSE.

COR. OF DUKE AND COLUMBUS STS.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The "MAGNOLIA" is the place for all lovers of good things in life. Here you can eat and

grow fat—drink and be merry. The LANDER is always plentifully supplied with the best of

everything. All kinds of Liquors; Ale and Porter on draught, Weiss Beer, choice Segars, &c., always on hand. This is, also, the most

convenient House for travellers, being only two blocks from the Railroad Depot. The pro-

prietor, also, takes pleasure in announcing that his new, elegant and commodious HALL

is now finished, and can be engaged for Parties, Balls, Concerts, Lectures, &c., at the most

reasonable rates. For terms apply to

R. FREDERICK, Proprietor.

no 18-tf Magnolia House.

EXCHANGE HOTEL.

LURAY, VA.

The subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the travelling public that he has repaired

and refitted the above named house, and will be happy at all times to accommodate them. His

table will be furnished with the best the market affords, and his stable well stocked with grain

and hay. Strict attention will be paid to the wants of his guests. His bar is supplied with the best LIQUORS.

D. M. ADAMS.

Luray, Page co., Va., oct 4-3m

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, December 20, 1865.

The regular annual meeting of the Stock-

holders, for the election of Directors, will be held at their Banking House, on Tuesday,

January 9th, 1866. CHAS. R. HOOFF,

dec 20-204t Cashier.

"MARTHA WASHINGTON" HAIR

RESTORER.—The best thing for the hair in the market. Two articles combined in one. A

perfect Hair Restorer and Hair Dresser. Sold

by all Druggists. The trade supplied by HEN-

RY COOK, No. 39, King st., Alexandria, Va.

Warranted to do all we claim—or money re-

funded, after using two bottles. Ladies try it,

nov 6-3m

WHEELWRIGHT & BLACKSMITHING.

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice to the public that having established the above

business at West End, are prepared to receive all

orders in that line, such as NEW WORK and

repairing Carriages and Wagons.

All kinds of Agricultural Implements made

and repaired.

Particular attention given to Horse Shoeing.

All orders executed with neatness and dis-

patch, and on the most reasonable terms.

G. HULFISH,

dec 22-202m GEO. W. ROAT

MINCE MEAT.

Fisher's justly celebrated Mince

Meat, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN,

de 25- Opposite the Market.

FOR RENT.—One of the ROOMS on the

first floor of the GAZETTE Office, fronting

the street—a valuable stand for business. En-

quire at this office. dec 15-1w

MACKEREL.

No. 1, 2 and 3—in bbls., hls bbls and

kits. For sale by

EDGAR SPEIDEN,

de 25-tf No. 12, South Fairfax st.

GROCERIES AND TOBACCO.—A good

supply constantly on hand, and for sale by

MATTHEWS & LOVING.

de 30-tf No. 4, Janney's Wharf.

ALEXANDRIA CANAL COMPANY.

A general meeting of the Alexandria Can-

al Company will be held in the Council Cham-

ber, in the City of Alexandria, at 11 o'clock, a. m., on Monday, the 22d day of January, 1866.

dec 10-taytd B. JOHNSTON, President.